

**Core Seminars – Christian Roles**  
**Marriage: Infertility**  
*Week 11 – August 10, 2014*

**What if we can't have children?**

**1) Biblical Principles**

**Childbirth through the Bible**

- 2 ways people dealt with infertility

**A) Life begins at conception**

- Psalm 139:13-14

**B) Heterosexual monogamous marriage is the only relationship  
ordained by Scripture for the creation of children**

- Genesis 2:24
- Malachi 2:15

## **2) Assisted Reproductive Technologies (ARTs)**

**Reasons why infertility may occur**

**3 common treatments**

### **4 Implications**

**A) Any fertility treatments should preserve the parent-child relationship**

**B) Fertility treatments that involve the destruction of embryos must not be pursued**

**C) Any fertility treatments must not involve the freezing of an embryo**

**D) Any fertility treatments must seek to preserve life**

## **3) Adoption**

**Parallels with our salvation**

- Ephesians 1:5
- Hebrews 2:11
- Romans 8:16-17

**Issues to consider:**

- Motivation: What is not a good reason for considering adoption?
- Biological tie: Can you love a child who is not biologically related to you?

## **4) Final Considerations**

**Book Recommendations:**

- Megan Best, [Fearfully and Wonderfully Made](#)
- Russell Moore, [Adopted for Life](#)